

TENNESSEE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE MINUTES

DATE: February 7, 2014
TIME: 9:00 a.m., CST
LOCATION: Iris Room, Ground Floor
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37247

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Michelle Horton, LAPSW, Chair
Teresa Housteau, LCSW
Vicki Gardine Williams, LAPSW
Pamela Sams, LCSW
Tara Watson, LMSW
Julia Axley, LBSW
Kenya Anderson, LMSW
Karen A. Armstrong, Citizen Member

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Georgia Alexander, LCSW
Adrienne Newman, LAPSW
Amy Smith, LBSW

STAFF PRESENT: James Hill, Board Administrator
Christi Stacey, Board Administrator
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Johanna Barde, Assistant General Counsel

Ms. Horton called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Applicant Interviews

Ms. Brown, supervisor for **Tanekia Jones** who is applying for licensure as a Clinical Social Worker, at the request of the Board, phoned the Board to verify whether the hours reported were all clinical contact hours or hours worked. After discussion it was determined that Ms. Jones hours were reported as clinical contact hours and meet the requirements for Clinical Social Work. Ms. Housteau made a motion, seconded by Ms. Axley, to approve the application as submitted and allow Ms. Jones to sit for the clinical exam. Ms. Williams abstained.

Sholanda Lynch was to submit her revised clinical logs and supervision her logs for the Board to review. At close of the Board meeting the revised logs were not received and action could not be taken at this time. Ms. Lynch's application for Licensed Clinical Social Worker will be discussed at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Minutes

Ms. Housteau made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, to approve the August 1-2, 2014 minutes with corrections. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Barde reviewed SB 2377 with the Board which requires the creation of a list of suicide prevention treatment centers and requires certain Boards to promulgate rules that would require suicide training every two to six years. Ms. Williams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, not to support this legislation as presented. The motion carried.

Ms. Barde reported that there is no legislation to bring to the Board's attention at this time. Ms. Barde has gone through the rules and attempted to flag areas of the rules the Board was interested in discussing making changes to, and other areas to see some changes for clarification purposes, or to conform better to the statutes. It will likely take the form of a chapter rewrite, which is most efficient with many changes at once, so today the Board will discuss changes to be taken care of in that rewrite.

There are currently three (3) cases pending in the Office of General Counsel against three (3) individuals. Two of these should be resolved by Consent Order today.

Consent Orders: Alisa Jones LCSW #3971; Demetria Buckner LMSW # 8931.

Administrative Report

There are 838 licensed baccalaureate social workers, 2410 licensed master social workers, 322 licensed advanced practice social workers and 2350 licensed clinical social workers.

Newly Licensed

Ms. Housteau made a motion, seconded by Ms. Axley, to approve the list of newly licensed Baccalaureate Social Workers as presented. The motion carried.

Brenda L. Overshiner
Rachel Siddall

Ms. Housteau made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, to approve the list of newly licensed Clinical Social Workers as presented. The motion carried.

Candee B. Berck
Dorothy Greene
Robin S. Hall
Leigh A. Harrington
Susan K. Harrison

Darlene Jiles
Blyth C. Landry
Sarina G. Lyall
Edha S. Meadows-Brown
Janet A. Sutter

Patrice W. Jessie
Jolie. M. Jeter

Julie A. Sutter
Chandra Weising

Ms. Housteau made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, to approve the list of newly licensed Master Social Workers as presented. The motion carried.

Ashley Beltz
Keith D. Blackburn
Tracy Bryant
Jessica R. Burk
Tandra Carter
Samantha Castro
Virginia E. Childs
Marjorie Cormany
Elizabeth A. Eden
Anna Ezell
Michelle Fleming
Allison French
Suzanne Glasenapp
Erin M. Gray
Dana A. Hampton
Paige Harris

Tara Hixon
Benjamin Holmes
Stacy Jones
Vanessa Jones
Donald McCasland
Jennifer Racich
Justin Singleton
Martha Stanojevich
Kristin Staten
Farrah M. Still
Haley Stone
Tashawn Stringer
Rachel Tarantino
Jacquelyn Toerne
Mary Wagoner-Angelin

Reinstatements

Ms. Housteau made a motion, seconded by Ms. Axley, to approve the following list of Advanced Practice Social Workers for reinstatement as presented. The motion carried.

Mary C. Schneider

Ms. Housteau made a motion, seconded by Ms. Watson, to approve the following list of Clinical Social Workers for restatement as presented. The motion carried.

Amy L. Peeler
Louis Swagawat
Dabney Parker Stack

Ms. Housteau made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, to approve the following list of Master Social Workers for reinstatement as presented. The motion carried.

Cathy L. Cavender
Bonnie Friend

Winifred S. Holcomb
Kim L. Lewis

Correspondence

The Tennessee Council on Social Welfare (TCSW) submitted a request for sponsorship for the March 24-25, 2014 meeting, being held in Nashville, TN. Ms. Axley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, to support the conference for the March 24 and 25, 2014 dates and allocate \$500.00 at the mentor level, and send Mr. Hill and Ms. Stacy. The motion carried.

The National Association of Social Work is asking the Board of Social Worker Licensure to help sponsor the March 26, 2014, Day on the Hill conference being held in Nashville, TN. Ms. Sams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Armstrong, to support the conference and allocate \$300.00 (conference level), and send Mr. Hill and Ms. Stacy. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a correspondence from Willie W. Whited asking the Board to determine the latitude of Social Workers in various states in regards to the administration of psychiatric assessments, initial diagnosis and access to treatment on individuals in need. Social Workers in Tennessee are required by the Department of Mental Health to complete a half day course to become a “mandatory pre-screening agent.” This will allow being one of the two signers on the involuntary commitment. This is only for LCSWs who can take the class. LCSWs are independent contractors.

Rule Discussion

The Board reviewed proposed rule changes suggested by Ms. Barde with the Office of General Counsel and Ms. Foster with the National Association of Social Workers. The Board reviewed and discussed in depth the changes to the rules. After discussion it was determined that the Board will not be able to reach a decision at this meeting and decided to take the proposed rules, review, and meet back at the next scheduled meeting to make the appropriate changes. The Board voted to schedule a 9:00 a.m. meeting for March 31, 2014 for an in-depth discussion of the rules.

The Board reviewed the proposed revision to the LCSW and LAPSW application and voted to discuss these in detail at 9:00 a.m., March 31, 2014 meeting.

Other Board Business

Ms. Sams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Axley, to continue with Ms. Horton as Board Chair and Ms. Housteau as Secretary. The motion carried.

With no other business Ms. Axley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Housteau to adjourn the meeting at 12.44p.m. The motion carried.

Adopted by the Board of Social Worker Licensure on this the 1st – 2nd day of May, 2014.